

REMARKS

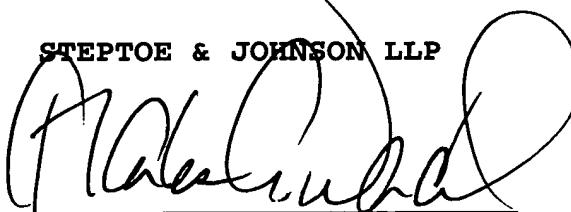
The title has been changed and the non-elected claims have been canceled as required by the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that some other title is more appropriate, he is authorized to make the change.

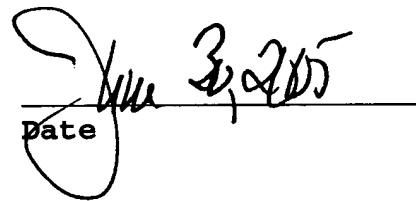
The Examiner is also asked to acknowledge receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents filed in this case on August 31, 2001.

The case is believed in immediate condition for allowance and formal confirmation thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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